

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY ARMY NATIONAL GUARD MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER FORT PICKETT BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA 23824-9000

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STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURE MEDICAL EVACUATION SOP

1. COMMUNICATIONS

a. The PRIMARY point of contact for reporting accidents/injuries and requesting MEDEVAC is Fort Pickett Range Operations:

1. Telephone Extension: (434) 292-8334 or 2227

2. FM Frequency: 34.10 or 36.10

- b. The ALTERNATE point of contact, for those times when Range Operations is normally closed, is the Fort Pickett Police at extension 8444.
- c. 911 CALLS: Do not use cell phones to dial 911 while on Fort Pickett. Only use a hard line to dial 911.

2. GROUND EVACUATION

- a. Evacuation of casualties that are stable enough for ground transport (ie. minor accidents and injuries) is the responsibility of the unit involved using organic litter-bearing vehicles.
- b. Casualties requiring care beyond the means of the unit's organic medical support are to be transported to Southside Regional Hospital in Petersburg, VA. Southside Regional is approximately 37 miles from the main gate of Fort Pickett. See attached strip maps. Patients WILL NOT be taken to Ft. Lee in Petersburg. Ft. Lee has Kenner Army Health Clinic for routine appointments, but DOES NOT HAVE ANY EMERGENCY FACILITIES whatsoever.
- c. During peak training periods the Fort Pickett Troop Medical Clinic (TMC) may be in operation. Prior to the commencement of any training all units will confirm with Range Operations the status of the TMC. When in operation, the TMC is located in Bldg 1692 on East Parade Avenue (see attached strip map). The TMC telephone extensions are 2528 and 2210.

3. AIR MEDEVAC

- a. All requests for Air Medevac will be made through Range Operations by the fastest means possible (telephone or FM). The criteria for determining the need of an Air Medevac is "life, limb or vision" threatening injuries. The decision to call for Air Medevac lies with the on site OIC/NCOIC or medical person.
- b. When requesting Air Medevac, the unit needs to provide the location (8 digit grid is possible), number, and nature of the casualty(s).
- c. Air Medevac support is normally provided by the Virginia State Police in Chesterfield, VA. Approximate response time from the initial medevac request is 35 minutes. Priority of landing/pick-up sites for VA State Police helicopters is:
 - 1st Blackstone Army Airfield
 - 2nd Post Headquarters Helipad (across street from Bldg 472)
 - 3rd TMC Helipad not good for night due to wires)
 - 4th Field sites and ranges

During peak training periods, military medical evacuation helicopters may be on station at Fort Pickett. Approximate response time from the initial medevac request to 20 minutes. Priority of LZ/PZ sites is:

- 1st Field sites and ranges
- 2nd TMC Helipad (not good for night due to wires)
- 3rd Blackstone Army Airfield
- 4th Post Headquarters Helipad (across street from Bldg 472)
- d. If the casualty(ies) must be picked up from a field site/range, the unit must select a landing zone using the following guidelines:

PZ must be at least 100 feet (40 paces) in diameter. Make sure there are NO WIRES overhead or other obstructions in the PZ. Keep someone with a radio to provide update information or landing instructions to the flight crew. Upon arrival of the helicopter, smoke (red if available) may be used to mark the LZ/PZ. DO NOT USE WHITE SMOKE. White smoke cannot be distinguished from CS gas by sight from the air and pilots may choose not to land.

e. At night, station 3 vehicles, 40 paces apart, forming a triangle, red lights ON and headlights OFF. Keep all personnel back; do not use flares, white lights, etc. Do not shine any lights at the helicopter. Follow instructions from the flight crew.

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FORT PICKETT MEDICAL EVACUATION STRIP MAPS













